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Man Convicted Of Murdering Girlfriend by Driving His SUV Into Her Home

A Los Angeles man was found guilty today of crashing a sports utility vehicle into a Boyle Heights home, killing his girlfriend and trying to kill six of her family members, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Eduardo Villareal (dob 11/23/88) was convicted of the first-degree murder of his 19-year-old girlfriend, Zurisaday B. He also was found guilty of six counts of attempted murder of her parents, three siblings and her three-year-old child from a prior relationship in case BA377691.

All were home when Villareal slammed his Cadillac Escalade into their home just before midnight on Oct. 31, 2010. The jury also found true the allegations that he used a deadly weapon and that he caused great bodily injury of one victim.

Deputy District Attorney Carolina Lugo of the Family Violence Division prosecuted the case.

The defendant returns to court on Friday in Department 103 before Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Curtis Rappe for a status hearing and whether prosecutors will seek to try Villareal on the murder of his newborn baby girl, who also was killed in the crash.

The Los Angeles Police Department investigated the case.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the <u>Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office</u> prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.